

Committee of the Whole

February 10, 2015

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

15 JPs Present: Easley, Shadlow, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Leadabrand, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Others Present: County Attorney George Spence, Assessor Glenn “Bear” Chaney, Administrator of General Services John Sudduth, Comptroller Brenda Guenther, Fire Marshall Marc Trollinger, Environmental Program Coordinator Teresa Sidwell, Benton County Solid Waste District Director Wendy Cravens

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents from the Sugar Creek Road area expressed their concerns about the paving work that is being done on Sugar Creek Road and how it would lead to an increase in traffic on a road that they use for farm equipment.

Other residents of the area objected to the improvements that might increase the value of their property and raise property taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Curry.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A. Presentation: Options for County Convenience Center and County Cleanups

Wendy Cravens Director of the Benton County Solid Waste District presented a power-point presentation outlining the services provided to Benton County residents at the convenience center. She stated that the county partnered with the Solid Waste District to take over the convenience center operations beginning 2011. She stated that the center is located on Brookside Road in Centerton. Wendy Cravens reported that the county’s cost to keep the convenience center operating was \$32,089 in 2014.

Administrator of General Services John Sudduth stated he was bringing the information to the justices of the peace to begin a discussion of where they are going to go in the future. He stated we need to get the word out about the services offered at the convenience center. He added we are not canceling the spring cleanup, but the cleanups are costing the county more and more.

Environmental Program Coordinator Teresa Sidwell stated that the annual clean-up cost is growing rapidly and that the convenience center offers the same services at a lower price. She reported that the county cleanup events held in 2014 cost \$110,000.

Lengthy discussion was held on the services provided by the convenience center at a lower price than the cost to hold a county cleanup.

A. Resolution Request: To Confirm County Judge's Appointment of Marc Trollinger to the Benton County Rural Development Authority

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed resolution request by title only.

JP Sandlin made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

B. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Dept. 0400, Sheriff's Office, Fund 1000; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation request to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jay Harrison.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

C. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Dept. 0411, District Court 3 – Siloam Springs, Fund 3035; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

D. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Dept. 0100, County Judge, Fund 3751; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

E. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Dept. 0100, County Judge, Fund 3752;

Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands

F. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Transfer of Funds, Dept. 0100, County Judge Fund 1000, to Dept. 0200, Road, Fund 2000; Sponsor: JP Michelle Chiocco

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Chiocco made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

G. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Transfer of Funds, Dept. 0500, Emergency Services, Fund 3602; Sponsor: JP Barry Moehring

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Moehring made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

H. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Dept. 0104, County Tax Collector, Fund 1801; Sponsor: JP Joel Jones

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed appropriation ordinance by title only.

JP Jones made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

I. Resolution Request: A Resolution Declaring Emergency Medical Services to be a Professional Service: JP Tom Allen

JP Kurt Moore read the proposed resolution ordinance by title only.

JP Allen stated that we have been made aware that Springdale is not going to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to those in the unincorporated areas of Benton County as of January 1, 2016. He stated this resolution request is declaring Emergency

Medical Services to be a professional service as opposed to competitive bidding for the procurement of Emergency Medical Services. He added this will allow the County Judge to sign a contract based on professional service instead of low bid.

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the February 26, 2015 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones

Lengthy discussion was held on the proposed resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services to be provided as a professional service as opposed to competitive bidding.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Curry announced that a Transportation Committee meeting will be held Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deborah Camper of Garfield commented on the paving work for the Sugar Creek Road project.

JP Curry stated that a Road report will be given at the Transportation Committee meeting to be held Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.